

TUSCARORA TOWNSHIP
3546 S. Straits Hwy
Indian River, MI 49749
September 6th, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting called to Order**
 - Supervisor Ridley called the meeting to order at 7:00 Pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Roll Call of Board Members**
 - Attended by: Kramer, Webb, Ridley, Balazovic, Vance
 - Absent: 0
- **August Meeting Minutes:**
 - Motion to dispense August regular and special meeting minutes as written made by Supervisor Balazovic, supported by Vance. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Adopt Agenda:**
 - Motion made by Balazovic, supported by Vance to adopt the agenda with changes to delete the library report, Mud Brothers Application and add “to proceed with quiet title” to item 20. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Correspondence**
 - Email from Brian Fulford regarding assessor position and one FOIA.
- **Treasurers report and pay bills:**
 - Motion by Vance supported by Kramer to accept the Treasurer’s report and pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Police Report**
 - Chief reported that School resource officer has reported back to school. Thanked everyone for the response for the Child Safety of America Program donation as it was one of the best years that they have ever had. Updated on Caravan and Northland Sports blight issue – things are moving in the right direction.
- **DDA**
 - haven’t had a meeting but concrete projects are done.
- **Parks**
 - Moving ahead with playground projects. Christmas tree was taken down and new one should be up soon. Sallie Snyder commented that the tree was donated by the Indian River Women’s Club in 1986. It was

damaged. The Township agreed to pay for the removal of the damaged tree and allow the IR Women's Club to replace it.

- **Cemetery**

- Laura Decker is acting as Sexton and has helped several families with grave purchases and burials.

- **Planning Commission**

- Mike Cherveney gave an update on where we are at with the survey.
- Re-appointments of expired Planning Commission members. Terms are 1 year for Kelly Ashford, John Schams, 2 years for Mike Cherveney, John Thompson. 3 years for Jane McGinnis. Webb expires February 2024. Motion made by Kramer , supported by Ridley all in favor motion carried.

- **Sewer Report/Motion to begin work on Phase III**

- Motion by Vance, supported by Kramer to allow Phase III sewer work to begin, all in favor motion carried. Motion by Kramer, supported by Vance to contract with NEMCOG not to exceed \$9,000 for completion of EPA application. Federal Awards Policy requires the Township to designate a project coordinator to perform all work associated grant management for any projects funded with Federal money. Motion made by Webb, supported by Balazovic to designate Kramer and Vance to be sewer project coordinators- all in favor, motion carried.

- **Judge Aaron Gauthier**

- Annual update:
 - Struggles with backlog of cases but are in better shape than most and feels that it will be cleared in six months.
 - Still using Zoom and YouTube as a method of engaging the public improving transparency and saving money for all parties.
 - Was appointed last fall to Michigan Judicial Council and they have released three-to-five-year goals for the Judicial Branch as well as an operation plan that is realistic and ambitious.

- **Assessor Position:**

- Motion made by Balazovic, supported by Kramer for the hiring of Clayton McGovern to become our Assessor of record to address PRE's, Splits and filing through October 31 at \$45,000.00 per year paid bi-weekly through the end of the temporary assignment. The salary is the same that John Gehres (previous assessor) was paid. All in favor, motion carried. Motion to made by Balazovic, supported by Webb to allow

Ridley to call Brooke to let her know that she will be on the November Agenda pending passing her level III test.

- **Commerce Park Lot:**
 - Motion by Balazovic, supported by Kramer to amend the purchase agreement for Commerce Park Lot sale to extend cleanup requirement another 30 days. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Airport Property Discussion:**
 - Motion by Balazovic, supported by Kramer to reject request to breakup and sell airport property. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Gravel Pit Risk Assessment**
 - Mike Ridley discussed the Township Insurers request that we post no firearms/shooting allowed in the property because there is a State ORV trail behind the pit. Tabled until further review with Attorney.
- **General Ledger Resolution Line Boat Launch:**
 - Motion by Ridley, supported by Kramer to approve resolution offered by Ridley second by Kramer to add Fund 502 (restricted) as an enterprise fund for the boat launch to comply with the Waterways grant contract requirements dated January 25th, 2008 between State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Township.
Roll call: Kramer-yes, Webb- yes, Ridley – yes, Balazovic – yes, Vance – yes.
Supervisor declared adopted.
- **Motion for Quiet Title (Sturgeon Corner 9 sq. ft.)**
 - Motion by Kramer, supported by Ridley, for Bobbi to pursue Quiet title discussion with Pulte. All in favor, motion carried.
- **Public Comment**
 - There were nine public comments
- **Board Comment**
 - There were three comments.
- **Motion to Adjourn:**
Kramer/Balazovic

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn M Webb, Clerk
Michael Ridley, Supervisor